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In re application of:

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§1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of the statement. 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e)(2).

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5. ☒ A list of 4 reference(s) is in the enclosed Form PTO-1449.



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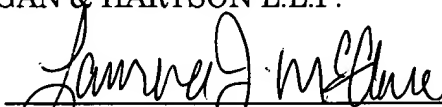
- ☒ Enclosed is a search report for a counterpart application.
- ☐ The specification incorporates comments on the relevancy of Non-English language references.
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